

Bill 42 (2017)
Additional Testimony

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GENERAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII

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October 17, 2018

Honorable Ernie Martin, Chair
Honorable Kimberly Marcos Pine, Vice Chair
Honolulu City Council
Honolulu, Hawaii

SUBJECT: SUPPORT OF BILL 42 (2017), PROPOSED CD1, FUNDING FOR TRANSIT. Allowing for greater flexibility in the sources of monies to be used for the capital cost of the Honolulu Rail Transit Project
Legislative Matters Committee Meeting: Weds., October 17 at 1:30 p.m.
Special Full Council Meeting: Weds., October 17 at 3:30 p.m.

Dear Chair Martin, Vice Chair Pine and Members of the Committee,

The General Contractors Association of Hawaii (GCA) is an organization comprised of over 500 general contractors, subcontractors, and construction related firms. The GCA was established in 1932 and is the largest construction association in the State of Hawaii. GCA's mission is to represent its members in all matters related to the construction industry, while improving the quality of construction and protecting the public interest.

The GCA is writing in support of Bill 42 (2017), Proposed CD1 which would satisfy the Federal Transit Authority's request that the \$44M in City and County of Honolulu funding will be fully committed to the project. While there were other alternatives that could have been considered prior to the 2017 legislative session to ensure such funding was available through other resources – this option is the only one available at this time. The added provision that specifies that the funding be used for "HART Admin" and "Additional Funds" as specified in the Baseline Financial Plan (Figure 6-1) of the Recovery Plan dated September 15, 2017, will further ensure that if any city funds are necessary that it be limited in use. Therefore, it is imminent that Bill 42 (2017), Proposed CD1 pass this Committee, the Council and move on for full passage.

The GCA supports the Honolulu Rail Transit project and efforts to ensure the project is completed in its entirety and as planned. The funding of the project is one of the most crucial components to make certain that the project is delivered to the City and County of Honolulu and its residents. Any stoppage of work on the project will have a devastating impact on hundreds local families who are working on the project itself as well as the many transit oriented initiatives around rail.

The GCA continues to support the Honolulu Rail Transit Project together with the concerted efforts of all parties involved to plan and construct the rail transit project. All parties must continue to work together to get this project delivered to the residents of the City and County of Honolulu. Rail will provide the most reliable, cost-efficient and convenient transportation pipeline between urban Honolulu and West Oahu.

GCA appreciates the opportunity to share its testimony.



HAWAII LODGING & TOURISM
A S S O C I A T I O N

Testimony of

Mufi Hannemann
President & CEO
Hawaii Lodging & Tourism Association

Honolulu City Council
Committee on Legislative Matters

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

Bill 42 (2017) CD1 – Funding for Transit

Allowing for greater flexibility in the sources of monies to be used for the capital cost of the Honolulu Rail Transit Project.

Chair Martin and members of the committee,

The Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association—nearly 700 members strong, representing more than 50,000 hotel rooms and nearly 40,000 lodging workers—supports Bill 41 CD1 (2017) as a means to help fund the construction of the Honolulu Rail Project.

The City is at a point where it needs to demonstrate it is exercising greater fiscal responsibility to ensure the completion of rail in a timely accountable manner. Speaking as the current President and CEO of the Hawaii Lodging and Tourism Association with thousands of island residents employed by the visitor industry in Waikiki, we look forward to having a rail system that will be part of a multi-modal network of transportation options. It will play an integral role in enabling our hard working hospitality employees to get to and from work, as well as create more housing options through transit oriented development.

As a former Honolulu Mayor and City Councilmember, the City needs to show that it is not always looking to the State's coffers to fund the rail project. At present, the FTA is requiring the City to commit the \$44 million stated in HART's previous financial plan, and we need to ensure that this requirement is fulfilled so that we don't risk losing the \$745 million of the federal grant balance. It is my understanding that FTA was given assurances by City officials in an earlier meeting with them this year that this would get done.

Therefore, we urge the mayor's administration and the city council to work together to support HART and its efforts to make sure that we successfully move this project forward. As someone who is very familiar with the FTA process, I understand the need for the City to keep its word, produce results and to show that there is appropriate local funding. We have spent too much time letting this project fall to the wayside due to lack of strong leadership. HART is finally in a good place and picking up momentum in advancing the project but they cannot do it alone. On behalf of the Hawai'i lodging & Tourism Association and its members, we support the passage of this measure through both the Committee on Legislative Matters and the Full Council.

Mahalo.

From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2018 4:32 PM
Subject: Council/Public Hearing Speaker Registration/Testimony

Speaker Registration/Testimony

Name	Elaine Kam
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Meeting Date	10-17-2018
Council/PH Committee	Council
Agenda Item	Bill 42 & 42 CD1, Res18-127 &18-132
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing Organization	Organization Financial Accountability for Rail Mass Transit Assn.
Do you wish to speak at the hearing?	Yes

Our Financial Accountability for Rail Mass Transit Assn.
STRONGLY OPOSES Bill 42 & 42 CD1 & Resolution 18-127 & 18-132.

1) I urge you to Vote NO to giving CITY funds & BLANK CHECKS,
& NO to LETTING Mayor Kirk Caldwell
CO-MINGLE CITY money for his deceitful,
money guzzling, obsolete rail system.

2) Pause all rail activity until
we 1st OBTAIN a COMPREHENSIVE & FORENSIC FINANCIAL
RAIL AUDIT of past, present & future rail funds performed by a
qualified, experienced & credible auditor.
Restitution of funds & prison sentences may be in order.

3) Mayor Kirk Caldwell's rail project has bankrupt Oahu's economy
& hurt our low, middle, & fixed income citizens tremendously as
they spend more time collecting soda cans or moving to Las Vegas.

4) There's NO money for rail operations, maintenance & Safety & Liability occurrences as coral & underground & sea water cause giant cement pillars to collapse.

5) Traffic congestion has increased on this small island as a result of the huge concrete pillars.

6) Ridership needs have dwindled as people work at home &/or find jobs within their area.

Written Testimony

7) Do you think we'll ever have enough money to fill this
bottomless rail pit ... enough money to satisfy Mayor Caldwell's
special contractors, unions, vendors, real estate developers &
other associates?

Testimony

Attachment

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Agreement 1



LIUNA!

**TESTIMONY OF RYAN K. KOBAYASHI
GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS DIRECTOR
HAWAII LABORERS UNION (LIUNA) LOCAL 368**

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SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, October 17, 2018

TIME: 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Committee Meeting Room

TESTIMONY ON AGENDA ITEM #1. BILL 42 (2017) FUNDING FOR TRANSIT

ALOHA COUNCIL CHAIR MARTIN AND COUNCIL MEMBERS,

My name is Ryan K. Kobayashi, Government and Community Relations Director for the Hawaii Laborers Union Local 368. The Hawaii Laborers Union (LIUNA), Local 368 is made up of over 5000 working and retired members across the State of Hawaii and we support Bill 42 (2017), and also respectfully request the Council's support of Bill 42 (2017).

We are at a point with Honolulu Rail Project where the Federal Transit Authority (FTA) is requiring the City to take steps to fully commit \$44 million identified in HART's previous financial plan. Presently, the FTA is withholding \$745 million of the funds dedicated to the project. If the City does not act quickly to satisfy the Federal Government we may not only lose this \$745 million, but be required to pay back the monies already released to this project.

Losing the Federal monies dedicated to this project could result in shutting down the project, the impacts of which would be widespread affecting not only to the construction industry, but also the island-wide and statewide economies. Stopping the rail project now could result in "tear down" costs, disposal costs, and lawsuits stemming from the numerous contracts that the City and HART have entered into to construct this project.

A poll taken on September 5, 2017, shows that an average of 71% of the people polled across all Council Districts on O'ahu want to see the Rail project completed to Ala Moana. This shows that members of the public either know of the potential negative impacts on the City if the project is stopped, or at the very least recognize that we have come too far to stop the project at this point.

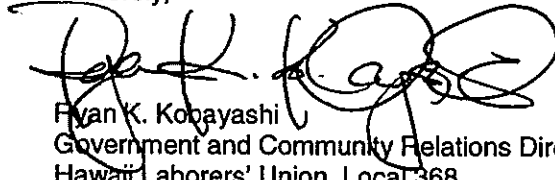
Rail construction is at a critical juncture, Management and administrative functions are vital to the success of the project and we need to finish the job. Therefore, the Hawaii Laborers' Union (LIUNA), Local 368 and its more than 5000 members support the

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passage of Bill 42 (2017), and we respectfully request that members of this Council support Bill 42 (2017) as well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan K. Kobayashi", written over the printed name and title.

Ryan K. Kobayashi
Government and Community Relations Director
Hawaii Laborers' Union, Local 368

From: CLK Council Info
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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Meeting Date 10-17-2018
Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Bill 42 (2017)
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? Yes

Katherine T. Kupukaa
Mililani, Hawaii

SPECIAL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

DATE: Wednesday, October 17, 2018
TIME: 1:30 P.M.
PLACE: COMMITTEE MEETING ROOM

Written
Testimony

RE: OPPOSE Bill 42 (2017), RELATING FUNDING FOR TRANSIT

I oppose this bill as you were elected to office to serve the people of the City and County of Honolulu in their best interests. This bill is counter to that. This bill is to allow for greater flexibility in the sources of monies to be used for the capital cost of the Honolulu Rail Transit Project. This is totally unacceptable. There appears to be a problem with spending and will have to forego future reimbursement of millions of dollars. I find it appalling that you would consider passing this bill.

This Rail project is failed project and it is shameful that it was allowed to begin construction. It will not serve the citizens, it will not reduce congestion, it will not get the ridership, and in the end the burden of this tax will be in the pocketbooks of generations to come.

The first leg of this Rail was scheduled to be operation in 2012. It is 2018 and interim service from East Kapolei to Aloha Stadium is scheduled for 2020. The East Kapolei to Ala Moana Shopping Center is scheduled to be in operation in 2025. The FTA is requesting the City to come up with the financial plan by November 20, 2018. Here you are trying to rush this funding through. When are you going to wake up and stop this at Middle Street to save our State from going bankrupt.

I urge you not to pass this bill and think about the citizens of the City and County of Honolulu and the future generations to come. Thank you for allowing me to voice my concern.

Testimony
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and Agreement 1

From: CLK Council Info
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Speaker Registration/Testimony

Name	Jeffrey Masatsugu
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Meeting Date	10-17-2018
Council/PH Committee	Council
Agenda Item	Bill 42 (2017)
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing	Organization
Organization	Painting Industry of Hawaii Labor Management Cooperation Trust Fund
Do you wish to speak at the hearing?	No
Written Testimony	
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From: CLK Council Info
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Subject: Council/Public Hearing Speaker Registration/Testimony

Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Meeting Date	10-17-2018
Council/PH Committee	Council
Agenda Item	Bill 42 (2017)
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing	Organization
Organization	Hawaii Tapers Market Recovery Trust Fund
Do you wish to speak at the hearing?	No
Written Testimony	
Testimony Attachment	
Accept Terms and Agreement	1

From: CLK Council Info
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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Meeting Date	10-17-2018
Council/PH Committee	Council
Agenda Item	Bill 42 (2017)
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing	Organization
Organization	Hawaii Glaziers, Architectural Metal Glassworkers Local Union 1889 AFL-CIO Stabilization Trust Fund
Do you wish to speak at the hearing?	No
Written Testimony	
Testimony Attachment	
Accept Terms and Agreement	1

From: CLK Council Info
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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Meeting Date	10-17-2018
Council/PH Committee	Council
Agenda Item	Bill 42 (2017)
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing	Organization
Organization	Carpet, Linoleum and Soft Tile Local Union 1926 Market Recovery Trust Fund
Do you wish to speak at the hearing?	No
Written Testimony	
Testimony Attachment	
Accept Terms and Agreement	1

JANE SUGIMURA
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Hon. Ernest Martin, Chair
City Council

Re: Testimony in Support of Bill 42(2017), CD1 (Funding for Rail)
Special Meeting: Wed., October 17, 2018 at 3:30 p.m.
Committee Meeting Room

Chair Martin and Members of the Honolulu City Council,

My name is Jane Sugimura, and I am a director of the Aiea Community Association (ACA) testifying in support of Bill 42, CD1. ACA is a non-profit community-based organization dedicated to serving the Aiea community since 1998..

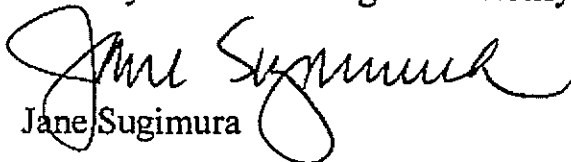
We have a number of active projects, all with the aim of making Aiea a better community to live in. Among these are the Aiea Sugar Mill site redevelopment and the annual Aiea Community Christmas Parade and Family Fair.

Our association has actively followed the Rail project for many years and has participated in many rail and TOD planning meetings. The alignment passes through our community with two stations in the Aiea area, one at Halawa and the other at Kalau'ao (Pearl Ridge). We are looking forward to rail's completion.

We are aware that the Federal Transit Administration is requiring the City to fully commit \$44 million in funding towards the rail financial plan. The FTA has given the City a deadline to commit these additional funds and we must act now. We cannot risk losing \$745 Million in federal monies and jeopardize the FFGA if the City does not act quickly to satisfy the federal government.

Please approve Bill 42, CD1 and allow the rail project to move forward.

Thank you for allowing me to testify before you today.


Jane Sugimura